

Well, I don't see too many of those people come out and helping me pay mine. I don't see too many of my city cousins coming out and worrying about the fact that I can't make my property tax payment, and I don't see any mechanism to help me make it. I think we have got a classic example of what I think Senator Johnson or somebody else earlier on this floor called "greedyism" and "creepyism" and this is exactly what this is. First of all, it is "creepyism" because it is expanding it from two cities on up. We have already got it in Lincoln. We have already got it in Omaha. Hell, why can't we have it in North Platte? Why can't we have it in "Ingham" or wherever. But, remember, the more we allow local sales tax options across this state and the easier we make it to get it, the harder it is ever going to be to get anything done as far as a shift for the support of the schools or anything else to help hold down the property taxes in general. Because when your property taxes aren't too high any more in your cities for your people, there is not going to be too much concern for those of us in the rural areas that are stuck out there. So I am sure you have got the votes to do it if you want to do it but it is not the right way to go about operating our state. We made a mistake a good many years ago, in my opinion, when we granted the local option sales tax to start with, but simply because you make a mistake once, there is no reason you had ought to keep increasing that mistake. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris. Just a moment, the Clerk has an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Urban Affairs Committee will hold an Executive Session underneath the north balcony. Senator Withem would like the Urban Affairs Committee to meet right now.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Lundy amendment. I guess philosophically I have to say that as a supporter of the Lincoln option to go that 1/2 cent, I have to extend that same philosophy to the other cities in the State of Nebraska. Now I would like to speak just for a moment to my fellow southwest Nebraska representative in the Legislature, part of the McCook coalition, Senator Vickers, in regard to